



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

Docket No: Q75737

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Group Art Unit: 2883

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Examiner: Eric K. WONG

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For: CABLE HAVING A SUBSTANTIALLY GASTIGHT METAL TUBE RECEIVING AT
LEAST ONE OPTICAL CONDUCTOR AND A HYDROGEN-ABSORBENT
SUBSTANCE

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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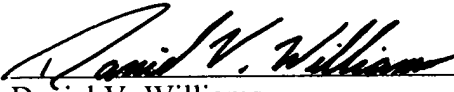
Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated January 26, 2006.

It is respectfully submitted that the Reasons for Allowance paraphrases claims 14-15, and does not indicate the specific claims in which the features are recited. Moreover, the Examiner uses language not found in the claims. Applicant submits that the allowed claims speak for themselves, and do not require additional clarification to determine their respective scopes.

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Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application." Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated January 26, 2006.

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